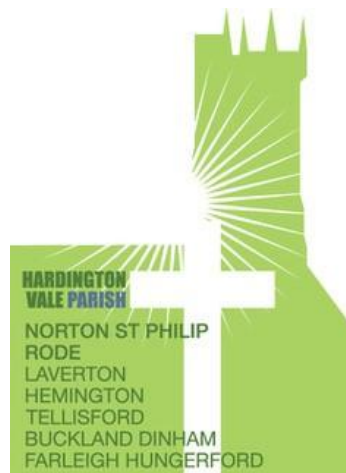


HARDINGTON VALE NEWS

2025



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A Time of Change

This has been an eventful year for our parish. We are fortunate in having such willing volunteers and church leaders to help us to maintain healthy congregations, regular services and community activities, despite the loss in April of our curate, Jo Robinson to take up her role as incumbent in Beckington and surrounding villages and of our Rector, Caroline and her husband Michael at the end of June. This was followed at the end of the year by the retirement of Ros Clarke, our brilliant and supportive parish administrator. Fortunately, following a recruitment process, we have now successfully appointed her replacement, Sarah Priddle who took up the reins at the start of January supported by Ros.

Jo's departure was marked with a service at Rode where she was presented with a card and cheque comprising a collection from around the Hardington Vale Parish. This was followed by a marvelous lunch in Rode Memorial Hall. Jo was a great asset to our parish and contributed in so many ways including helping with accommodation for our incoming Ukrainian guests, running courses such as the Alpha course and the Bereavement journey, Pastoral assistant training and dementia awareness, which led to the continuing monthly Forget-Me-Not Cafe. We were very sorry to lose Jo; we miss her cheery smile and seeing her out walking her dog.

Caroline's departure after eleven years with us was no less momentous. A farewell service for her was held in Norton Church, followed by a Bring and Share picnic lunch on the field beside the churchyard. A card and cheque were presented, and tribute was paid to her and to Michael who was, in his own right, an important member of our community through his involvement with the Parish Council and as a practical repair man for our church and around the village. Caroline was a dynamic leader who has taken the church forward and has left it in a very healthy state. She sought, recognised and encouraged gifts, with new leadership roles in appointing two new readers, and establishing the prayer and ministry teams as well as Pastoral assistants.

We gave our thanks to Ros at a parish United Service in Rode, presenting her with a bouquet of flowers, cards from each of the Hardington Vale churches and a cheque.

In May, David Lockley retired from his role as Churchwarden (Pastoral) and handed the reins (and the keys to the church) to Mary Morrison. She took over, among other things, the Rota for church duties in respect of Holy Communion services. David has continued with his involvement in the NSP Fabric Committee and in managing the Palairt Hall. He continues to provide much valued support from behind the scenes and we really appreciate the part he played in seeing through the reordering of the church and the removal of the pews. David has also been instrumental in organizing lunchtime and evening concerts, which were well attended and much enjoyed.

Safeguarding responsibilities have now passed from Rachel Stewart to Paul Richardson, who has been familiarizing himself with the processes and requirements set out by the Church of England. He is supported by Fergus, Michael, Mary and Paul Shepherd. Many thanks both to Rachel for her time as Safeguarding Officer and to Paul for taking on this challenging role.

Following a phased reorganization, the Hardington Vale Benefice welcomed in a new member church in the form of St Michael and All Angels, Buckland Dinham This lively church has a worship pattern of Sunday morning or evening with some Holy communion services.

Services

During the vacancy, the service pattern has been maintained and arranged by Michael Harrison as before with alternating services between Rode and Norton St Philip. Michael has also had the huge task of finding visiting clergy to officiate for Services of Holy Communion. There is a communion service every Sunday for those who are happy to travel to other churches within the parish. At Rode, these are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and at Norton St Philip these continue on the second and fourth Sundays. The music is shared between the organ and the piano. There is now an 11am communion service during the week at Tellisford

instead of the monthly one at 9am in the morning and this is kindly taken by Rev Jeremy Young. A Marvelous new grand piano was bought for Norton St Philip Church to replace the one that belonged to Michael and Caroline Walker. A service of dedication was held, and the previous owner and his wife were invited to the occasion. Donations have been sought to cover the cost of this purchase. Every fifth Sunday continues as a joint communion service shared between all the different churches in the parish which alternates between Rode and Norton St Philip. In this way it is hoped that we meet all needs. The three readers have covered the services that do not require a visiting priest. Michael assumed responsibility for weddings, while Barbara became responsible for funerals as needed. Fergus arranged baptisms, in addition to leading the profile team who arranged local consultations and prepared the necessary documents ready for the search for a new rector.

Our Charities

The Christmas service collections were given to the three Charities we currently support:

Focus Frome which offers a safe open space where counsellors provide support to anyone who might be feeling anxious, depressed, traumatized or experiencing grief or loss.

Safe Families UK provides support, hope and belonging to improve the lives of those in our community facing life alone and links children, young people and families with local volunteers who can offer them help and support. At a recent 'Just Desserts evening when we heard about this work, two members of our congregation share some of the ways in which they have involved themselves in supporting the work of Safe Families UK.

ASHA Meaning 'Hope' in Hindi, has been helping the slum dwellers of Delhi since 1988, when Dr Kiran Martin started treating cholera victims who were too poor or culturally constrained to seek help elsewhere. It now provides essential medical care and treatment as well as other support and benefits, including educational opportunities to improve people's lives and bring them hope. In the early part of the year, Caroline and Michael took a sabbatical, during which they visited the Asha community along with Mark Baines who has had a long association with the charity. We heard about their trip at a Bring and Share curry evening in the church in Norton Saint Philip.

Vacancy

Since the departure of Rev Caroline Walker at the end of June 2024, the complex task of service planning has been carried out by Michael Harrison. This has included the coordination of visiting clergy, most of whom are retired with permission to officiate, to lead Holy Communion services across the parish. We have been greatly blessed by the generosity and support of these clergy, as well as our own lay teams who have responded to the challenge of maintaining our services and activities during this period. These have included funerals, the arrangements for marriages and preparation for confirmation.

In terms of the process to find a new Rector, the following stages were worked through:

- The parish and chapel wardens met with the Acting Archdeacon on 16th July for a general discussion of expectations and timelines.
- The Pre-Section 11 meeting was held on 11th September, led by Bishop Michael, when further details of the recruitment process were explained and discussed.
- A special PCC planning morning was held on Saturday 21st September, when we worked through a discussion of our hopes and joys, our challenges, our mission action plan and what we were looking for in a new rector. The composition of the team to work on the Parish Profile was decided.
- The profile group and some wardens met twice with Caroline Bruce, our diocesan support officer, in October and November, to map out the process for producing the profile, which included launching a parish survey and planning an open parish meeting.

- The Open Meeting was held on Sunday 24th November in Rode Memorial Hall, chaired by Caroline Bruce, and was well attended, although nearly all were from various congregations. Members of the profile group fed back findings from the survey and further discussion took place.
- During December, the profile group used the findings from all the above discussions, together with our mission action plan and other sources, to write the parish profile. After taking views of some clergy, providing a potential applicant point of view, the draft profile was circulated to PCC members and then submitted to the Archdeacon in early January, as requested.
- After some further adjustments, both the profile and advertisement were signed off by the PCC in the Section 11 meeting on 30th January. At this meeting the PCC representatives for the interview panel were also agreed.
- The final profile was submitted to the Archdeacon on 31st January.
- The advert for the post appeared in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website on 14th February, with a closing date for applications of 12th March.
- Shortlisting was scheduled for 18th March, with interviews of shortlisted candidates set for 28-29th April.

Special thanks are due to Caroline Bruce for her support, to the members of the profile team and to Mark Baines for the final production of the profile, which can be viewed on the Hardington Vale website, under Useful Links. Much prayer is needed that the person God is calling to this position will respond and be appointed in this process.

Mission and schools

The PCC has revisited and endorsed the **mission action plan** which had been drawn up in 2023. This continues to represent the 5 pillars of our current vision. Evidence is seen in this edition of Hardington Vale News, Spring 2025 of work carried out and progress in these areas, for example:

Planning around families and young people: mini-breakfast church has continued to evolve, with encouraging numbers of young families attending most times in NSP. In addition, research has been carried out by church members into ways being used in other churches to reach and engage with families. The Crib services and Christingle services were extremely well attended, demonstrating the potential in this age range. Youth Space continues to attract 15-20 teenagers monthly, with some early “green shoots” in terms of conversations about faith and praying together at the end. We continue to work with other churches in the deanery on “the Big Dream” project, which builds on the work that Lydia Chancellor carried out for us in 2023, which aims to develop mutually supportive approaches to working with children, young people and families.

Prophetic challenge to care for our environment: as well as a number of churchyard surveys and projects to protect specific areas to encourage diversity, St Philip & St James Church in NSP was recently awarded Eco Church Bronze. Thanks are due to the parish Eco Group for their work and leadership.

Practising hospitality: this is demonstrated regularly in many ways across the parish, e.g. the “Just Desserts” evening in November in support of Safe Families, our chosen national charity, allowed insights into the needs of families in Somerset and how we as individuals and churches can respond.

Praying and praising together: Jo Robinson ran a morning of prayer ministry training last year. The next step is to re-launch our prayer ministry teams. Meanwhile regular prayer meetings happen across the parish, as well as in home groups and among prayer triplets.

Projecting our faith: three people were confirmed in the autumn following confirmation classes. Homegroups continue to thrive, with over 50 people attending across the various groups – this number includes some who do not form part of our regular congregations. Carol services, both in churches and in the community in the lead up to Christmas drew in large numbers, who heard the good news of God’s love in Jesus. The pioneer project, which we as a parish inherited when Buckland Dinham joined

Hardington Vale in 2024, is an exciting opportunity to explore ways to make connections with the community and journey in faith together.

A team of four from our churches and the Methodist church provided weekly assemblies in both the Rode and Norton school sites. Assemblies also took place in Hemington School. The Tots and Toys group, led by Maria Fleming every Wednesday in NSP, is has flourished, with around 30 on the roll. Jo Ellis is our Foundation Governor for Rode & Norton Schools and has given excellent support and encouragement.

Buildings

St Philip and St James, Norton St Philip: In September last year we received the Faculty to remove the remaining pews in the rear of the church. To enable this to proceed the redundant heating system and radiators were removed from within the church in December. The pew removal and construction of the new floor has recently been completed. Proceeds from the sale of the old radiators and pews will help to offset the cost of materials for the new floor. Following the annual inspection of the turret clock located in the tower it was found that the quarter fly ratchet was seriously worn and were it to fail it would cause serious damage to the whole clock mechanism. It was subsequently decided that no further winding should take place, and estimates have been obtained for repairs. We are currently awaiting the third estimate which will then enable us to award the contract to the most suitable clockmaker. A Faculty has been applied for as the mechanism will be dismantled and removed for repair. Grant applications have also been made and the decisions awaited. Works identified in The Quinquennial Report of 2023 are being attended to and are generally of a minor nature. We are again indebted to Michael Walker for completing many of the items and hope he will be able to continue this work following his move to their new parish. Masonry repairs were required to the tower which requires rope access. A 'List B' application has been submitted to the DAC and their response is awaited. Two contractors have quoted for the work, and we are planning to undertake the repairs this Spring. Grant funding has been applied for. The Fabric Committee have continued to hold the successful Lunchtime Concerts with funds raised contributing to the purchase of the new Yamaha grand piano. The redundant upright piano has now been sold, and its proceeds added to the purchase fund.

St Lawrence, Rode: The second phase of Re-roofing works has been undertaken to the North Aisle. Phase 3 to the Chancel and Vestry is planned for next year subject to funding being available.

St Michael & All Angels, Buckland Dinham: A Faculty has been applied for to renovate the Grade II listed Lychgate. Following a response from the DAC, the architect is liaising with the proposed contractor to develop a plan for the work to ensure sympathetic restoration and not full reconstruction.

Electoral Roll Report

Additions to the electoral roll in 2024 were Richard Churchyard, Helen Irving and Sarah Lapham. Names removed were Harold Gosling, Pamela James, Raymond James, Jean Kent, Andrew Moys, Patti Moys and Susan Todd. As per the 2022 edition of the Church Representation Rules, a new roll has been prepared and published for 2025. It contains 155 names and is available in the Parish Office.

Sarah Priddle, Electoral Roll Officer

The annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the year 2023/2024.

This report relates to the year April 2024 to March 2025, during which time the parish of Hardington Vale has now been nine months in vacancy. The PCC met in person six times. These meetings included four relating to the Section 11 process to appoint a new Rector. The Standing Committee met three times in person. It dealt with forthcoming PCC agenda items and matters that would otherwise have had a lengthy wait until the full PCC met.

Administrative information:

- The Parish of Hardington Vale in the Diocese of Bath & Wells includes the Churches of St Michael and All Angels, Buckland Dinham; St Leonard (Farleigh Hungerford); St Mary's (Laverton); St Philip & St James (Norton St Philip); St Lawrence (Rode); and the church of All Saints (Tellisford). The churchyard at St Mary's Hemington remains open and is under the care of the PCC.
- The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hardington Vale is a charity registered with the Charity Commission Reg No. 1128078.
- The Parochial Church Council (PCC) Members (Trustees) who have served during the year are shown below:

Incumbent	Revd. Caroline Walker (Chair) until June, since when the parish has been in Vacancy		
Readers	Barbara Day Michael Harrison Fergus Stewart		
Secretary	Lorna Powell		
Parish Wardens	Geoff Banwell	(Rode) (Chair Finance Committee)	
	Fergus Stewart	(Norton St Philip)	
	Mary Morrison	(Norton St Philip)	
	Chris Cloke	(Norton St Philip)	
Chapel Wardens	Guy Hungerford	(Farleigh Hungerford)	
	Rachel Feilden	(Tellisford)	
	Bob Hill	(Laverton)	
	Jenny Waller	(Buckland Dinham)	
Deputy Wardens	Murial Duckett	(Norton St Philip)	
	Sally Pickett	(Rode)	
Deanery Synod	Andrew Morrison	(Vice Chair) (Health & Safety)	
	Jenny Waller		
	Diana Lucas		
	Barbara Day		
	Mark Baines		
Elected Members	<u>3 years to run</u>	<u>2 years to run</u>	<u>1 year to run</u>
	Helen Irving	Mark Baines	David Mayell
	Paul Richardson	Andy Filkins	Peter Stratford
	Martin Cragg	Anthony Powell	Diana Lucas
	David Lockley	Susie Filkins	Brenda Graham

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election.

Objectives and activities

The PCC has responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent (and in Vacancy with the church leadership team) in promoting the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical throughout the Parish as well as responsibility for the maintenance of the churches in the Parish.

Our Dwelling in the Word passage for the year was Luke 5: 1-11 NRSV, prayerfully and lovingly prepared by Susie Filkins and her prayer group. We began every meeting with it: reading the passage twice, reflecting in pairs on how it had spoken to us and then feeding back to the PCC as a whole. The minutes of successive meetings show God’s love and care for us, while challenging us to ‘go further out’.

In 2024/25, the average attendance at PCC meetings was 21 of a possible 27 with a minimum of 17.

The standing committee met three times to expedite the following matters:

- 29 August in person Preparation for the Pre-Section 11 meeting on 11 September
- 18 November in person Section 11 Meeting and Profile Group update and other matters
- 26 March in person Preparation for the APCM and Parishioners meetings on 7th April 2025

At each of its meetings, the PCC received written reports: on Teamwork from the Rector (until she left in June) and from PCC members with specialist responsibilities, including Finance, Buildings and Churchyards, Safeguarding, Eco Church and Health and Safety. Meetings were held either in in NSP church or at St Lawrence church, Rode. Each meeting began with Susie or Andy Filkins leading the PCC in “Dwelling in the Word” using the passage Luke 5: 1-11 NRSV.

The PCC agreed to the following appointments:

- Andrew Morrison Vice-Chair
- Lorna Powell Secretary
- Nick Brown Treasurer
- Geoff Banwell Chair of the Finance Committee
- Paul Richardson Safeguarding Officer
- Andrew Morrison Health & Safety Officer
- Ros Clarke Electoral Roll Officer (until November 2024 when she was replaced by Sarah Priddle)

At its meeting on **21 September**, 17 of a possible 27 attended: Not quite quorate for all purposes but the meeting date had been changed at short notice to accommodate the meeting with Bishop Michael on 11th September.

The PCC considered Pre-Section 11 ongoing Vacancy work, the endorsement of the Parish Profile Group and matters relating to legal compliance: complying with Charity and Church law.

The PCC agreed to appoint the following positions:

Acting Captain of Tower NSP	Jenny Middleton
Tower Captain St Lawrence Rode	Sally Pickett
Tower Captain St Leonard's Farleigh Hungerford	Sandy Wheeler

At its meeting on **28 November**, 22 of a possible 27 members attended: quorate for all purposes

In addition to legal compliance matters and teamwork, the PCC received papers and presentations on Finance, Mission, Eco Church and Safeguarding.

The Chair of the Finance Committee, Geoff Banwell, reported that Parish finances were robust; he had not felt it appropriate to write to everyone this time asking them to increase their giving. This was partly due to the absence of a paid children and families worker but also to the generosity of people contributing to the church via Standing Orders. The PCC noted that people should still be encouraged to give, especially by Standing Order, and to consider the church in their Wills. Succession planning was under way since the Treasurer, Nick Brown, after completing the Accounts up to December 2025, would then stand down, while Geoff himself would stand down at the APCM in Spring 2026. The PCC recorded a Vote of Thanks to both Nick and Geoff for their outstanding contributions to the work of the church and the PCC.

Fergus Stewart reported on Mission and led a review of MAP Priorities 3 and 4 - 3 Practising hospitality and 4 Praying and Praising together. Two fruitful meetings had been held with Safe Families. Informal, contemplative worship had been promoted in Rode. And a trained Prayer Ministry Team had been set up.

Jean Richardson spoke to her paper on Eco Church. She sought agreement to change the mowing regime in one 16 square metre part of the churchyard of St Philip & St James Church in Norton St Philip. This would enable fallen seeds to have time to take root and grow, while more bugs and bees would benefit. Tellisford churchyard had had a similar programme under way for some years. The change to the mowing regime was agreed unanimously.

The Safeguarding Officer, Paul Richardson, presented a paper, pointing out that the purpose of its proposed one-page Parish Safeguarding Protocol was to provide the PCC with an accessible and workable document. It was important that there were also clear policy statements on the Procedure for Reporting a Safeguarding Concern and on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders. The Safeguarding team should be drawn from across the Parish. The recommendations in the paper were agreed unanimously.

Lorna Powell
Secretary,
Hardington Vale PCC
24/03/2025

Home Groups

Our five Home Groups continue to flourish, with some 50 Christians in the Parish regularly meeting to pray, study the Bible and reflect together, including some who do not worship with us. The groups are:

- Fergus and Rachel Stewart's group (Tuesday evening) is following a course called *How to be (un)successful* by Pete Portal, which explores how God's values differ from those of society
- Peter Yarker and Diana Lucas' (Tuesday afternoon) group is having a break from Psalms and is studying Acts, using Tom Wright's *For Everyone Bible Study Guide*
- Lorna Powell's group met on Tuesday evenings, studying James, followed by the Gospel of Luke
- Mirjam Bruggers and Becky Rhodes' (Wednesday evening) group continues to explore contemplative prayer and includes a scripture passage and time of silence in each meeting
- Barbara Day and Vivienne Bolton's (Thursday evening) group starts with a simple meal and then follows a similar pattern to Mirjam and Becky's group.

Groups generally meet once a fortnight. If you are interested in joining one of them, please contact a group leader or Robin Campbell robincampbell@gmail.com 01373 834583

School Report



RODE AND NORTON ST PHILIP FIRST SCHOOL FEDERATION



School Report March 2025

Autumn term

Our Autumn term began with our second **International Languages Day**. The children sang songs in French, learned about the Ukrainian alphabet and learnt the German names for different colours. As part of our science unit on plants, the children in year 3 successfully managed to complete a cycle of **field to fork**, a concept that encompasses the various stages of food production and consumption. We were able to harvest 5 pumpkins and a wheelbarrow full of squashes, potatoes, gourds and sweetcorn.

The new year kicked off with a new **girl's football club**. They have been learning shooting techniques and dodging opponents with fancy footwork. It's proved to be a very popular club

Spring was buzzing with creativity as we celebrated **Poetry and writing week**. The children explored a variety of writing styles, performed their own poetry, and embraced the magic of words. We supported our first **NSPCC Numbers Day**. We focussed our day on the book 'How Many Jellybeans' by Andrea Monetti. The children (and staff) looked fabulous and spent the day counting, subitising, sorting, rounding, measuring, collecting data and sequencing Jellybeans! Between both sites we managed to raise £218.50 for the NSPCC.

We had a fantastic **World Book Day** on 6th March, filled with creativity, imagination, and a love of stories. The day began with an assembly led by the Year 4 librarians, who did a brilliant job of introducing World Book Day and explaining the exciting competition taking place. The children then took part in three workshops, each inspired by a different book. It was a day filled with storytelling, creativity, and fun, and it was wonderful to see the children so engaged with books in such exciting ways.

Our topic this term is '**Far, Far Away**' with a history focus. So, children have been learning about all sorts of things, from the Romans to the Moon landings! Every class has been on a trip to aid this learning with our reception year spending the day at **Haynes Motor Museum**, seeing all the cars and learning about how

transport and cars have changed over time. Years 1 & 2 had an adventure at the **Fleet Air Arm Museum**, where they explored the fascinating world of flight. The children were also fascinated by what it would be like to live and work on a ship at sea, and they even got to try on pilot overalls, which made for some brilliant photo moments.

The children in years 3 & 4 were given hands on experience piecing together Roman pots using tesserae to create a mosaic at the **Newt in Bruton**. The villa itself was beautiful, with its ancient walls and intricate mosaics still intact.

On 15th March the Friends of Rode and Norton School (**FRANS**) arranged a very special colour run at the Mead in Rode. This was the third time it has taken place, and a record number of tickets were sold, raising a huge amount of money for the school. It was fantastic to see so many children, parents and careers taking part.

The end of this term will see the return of our **Egg Challenge**. We are asking children to think about the Far, Far Away theme and use their creativity to create an Egg-mobile. We can't wait to exhibit all their creations!



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Church Wardens' Reports

St Michael & All Angels, Buckland Dinham



The merger with Hardington Vale

On 1 August 2024, we officially became part of the Parish of Hardington Vale. All financial records and accounts were transferred and in October a catch-up meeting was held to check on how the merger was working. Peter Corbett continued to publish the monthly village magazine 5 Alive which carried church as well as news from our former benefice. We would like to thank everyone for their marvellous support and look forward to our future together.

Services

Monthly service pattern

Week 1 Services in the Mells and HV benefices

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| Week 2 | 11:00: Lay service led by Rob and Jenny Waller |
| Week 3 | 11:00: Service of Holy Communion |
| Week 4 | 6:00: Lay service led by Jonny and Meg Griffiths |
| Week 5 | Joint service in HV |

Thanks to the Reverends David Gatcliffe, Martin Weymont, Stephen Kivett, Stephen Jones and Jo Robinson for leading our services of Holy Communion, and to Fergus Stewart and Barbara Day for leading our Remembrance and All Souls services respectively.

In September we welcomed the Reverend Pauline Reid to the Parish. A former Area Dean, Pauline has retired to Buckland Dinham and is leading our services of Holy Communion during the interregnum. We are very blessed by her ministry.

Special services included: Mothering Sunday; Sunrise service and service of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday; All Souls; a Pet Service; Harvest; and the annual Advent Carol Service. Thanks to everyone who took part, and in particular to the Hardington Vale choir who supported our carol service.

Until July, Rob Waller led a mid-week reflective service on Zoom each Wednesday at 6:00. During Lent, we followed the meditations from the Pray as You Go website. Originally started during the pandemic, we decided in July that the Zoom meetings had run their course. Thanks to Rob for his faithfulness in leading these services, and for introducing us to such a wide variety of poems, readings and songs.

Four funeral services were held for members of the village community, filling the church each time. In January, Jo Robinson conducted a baptism.

Church flowers

The flowers for St Michael's and All Angels were provided by a team consisting of Debbie Worsfold, Rosamund Bradbury and Peggy Harris. The team, led by Peggy, worked on a rotational basis, sourcing the flowers and foliage as needed. On festive occasions, the team worked together to provide suitable displays. A cash float was made available to the flower arranging team, to use as necessary.

Church building

The church was opened throughout the week with positive feedback from visitors. In December our electronic payment system was stolen but we decided not to replace it rather than close the church.

The quinquennial report

On 11 July, church architect George Chedburn and Chris Cloke from Hardington Vale met at St Michael's to survey the church for the quinquennial report. While the full report is not yet available, we are not anticipating any major problems.

The Lychgate

The lychgate, which is listed, continues to deteriorate and in September a faculty was applied for, for its repair. This work is planned for 2025.

Church clock

The church clock was gaining around 10 minutes every six months, but clock repairer Simon Gilchrist has shown us how to adjust it. He will continue to manage the clock changes.

Terrier, inventory and logbook

We are continuing to transfer inventory records on-line, aiming to complete by 2025. The back of our purple frontal was destroyed by a mouse and has been replaced. A logbook is in place.

PAT testing

On 27 May PAT testing was carried out by Bob Hill.

The Friends group

The Friends group met throughout the year to share information and plan events. Its main fundraising activity consisted of coffee mornings on the third Saturday of every month, often with over 30 attending. Two concerts were also held. In March, local band the Hoodoos (featuring Jonny on violin) played at NSP, raising over £500. In June a concert by Gregory Steward was held at Buckland Dinham but was not well attended and no funds were raised. Currently fundraising is for the Lychgate repair.

Bell ringing

Bellringing teams including the Ropley Ringers and the Salisbury Guild Young Ringers continued to visit Buckland Dinham, attracted by our 8-bell ring. Mike Attenborough and his Corsley team held a monthly

practice and rang in our Harvest and Christmas Carol services. The team made a monthly contribution of £20 to the Friends.

The churchyard

The churchyard continued to be maintained by the Cary family and Matthew Snelgrove, with support from the Parish Council.

The Buckland Dinham parish plan 2024

Supported by funding from the Community Council for Somerset (CCS), the parish council carried out a detailed survey in Buckland Dinham with the aim of developing a unified vision for the village to work towards. This resulted in the Buckland Dinham parish plan, with working groups for communications; community activities and events; traffic, travel and transport; and local environment. We believe the focus on building an inclusive community is positive for the church and opens up new opportunities for us.

Jenny Waller, Church Warden

St. Leonard's Church, Farleigh Hungerford



The pattern of monthly services held on the third Sunday in each month has continued throughout the year, alternating between a Communion service and Morning Worship. Following the departure of the Rector we have been grateful for the services conducted by a number of visiting clergy and by lay readers. A joyful and well attended Carol Service was celebrated on the Sunday before Christmas.

The condition of the Church building remains good and a continuous programme of improvements and maintenance has continued throughout the year. The work has included substantial pointing repairs to the tower and main body of the Church, replacement of stone louvres in the tower and of roof shingles. The contractor has completed preparatory work on the steel structure soon to be fitted to enable the sixth bell and a new tenor bell to be hung in the bell tower. This will result in St. Leonard's having a set of six bells for the first time in its 582-year history. Something we all much look forward to seeing and hearing. The new card reader is in situ and operating satisfactorily. The churchyard and pathways are well maintained. The terrier and logbook are up to date,

The condition of the Church and graveyard and the organisation of worship have been achieved through the dedicated support and generosity in time and money of the members of the Friends of St. Leonard's, to all of whom once again my sincere thanks are due, in particular Mike Smith, John Davidson, Rex Eastment, Claire Covill, Robin and Deborah Allen and Sallie Neill. We are all grateful for the flowers in the Church provided by Deborah Allen, Dilys MacKechne and Catriona Murfitt.

Guy Hungerford, Chapel Warden

St Mary's, Laverton



Church Services

The pattern of services remained unchanged with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and lay-led morning prayer on the next 3 Sundays. On 5th Sundays, the congregation attended the appointed church.

2024 Quinquennial Inspection

On 15 May, the 2024 Quinquennial Inspection was undertaken by Rob Toal of Benjamin + Beauchamp whose report was received on 16 July.

Of the 18 priority 1, 2 and 3 items requiring repair, 13 require repair with lime mortar. Most are at roof height requiring scaffolding. All are straightforward repairs. Overall, it could be seen that the extensive repairs required by the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection had lasted well, demonstrating the thoroughness of that work by John Reynolds who was therefore chosen to undertake the 2024 work.

Sir Robert Hill, Chapel Warden

St Philip & St James, Norton St Philip



Services

Despite the changes which have occurred over the past year, attendance has remained good at all services. Holy Communion services are provided twice a month, and our sincere thanks go to Muriel Duckett who, as well as carrying out her duties as warden, acts as sacristan, preparing the church for Holy Communion services. Muriel also attends all funerals, weddings and baptisms, ensuring that the church is prepared, the visitors are welcomed and things run smoothly.

A very successful breakfast church in Norton continued on the first Sunday, led and catered for by different people who take turns (organized by Susie Filkins). This service also has within it a mini breakfast church for children which is led by Jean Richardson and Kate Ashburner who are making an effort to build family engagement; a variety of different musicians play at these times. On the third Sunday in the month there is an informal service, generally led by one of the

worship leaders, with contemporary worship songs accompanied by the piano.

There was a very special sunrise service around a bonfire on Easter Day followed by breakfast in NSP Church arranged by Tony and Barbara Day. Christmas saw the well-attended carol service and crib service on Christmas Eve and a lovely Christmas Day service which included lots of visitors. We continued to hold a special Sea Sunday service organized by Bob Hill; and the Remembrance Day Sunday service led and organized by our local branch of the Royal British Legion. Our thanks to Duncan Barley and the other RBL Branch members for arranging this service.

Home groups have continued to grow and flourish. These are coordinated by Robin Campbell, while taking different formats such as bible study or reflective meditation and forms of prayer. Many thanks to those who host and lead these and to Robin for his work in organizing and reporting on these groups. A pattern of regular prayer continued in some of the churches around the parish including: NSP on a Monday morning; Hemington on Wednesday morning; alternate weeks at Tellisford, now on Wednesday evenings at 6pm and at 8.30 am and ecumenical prayer at Rode Chapel, also weekly at 5pm on Wednesdays to which all are invited.

Music

The growing scratch choir again met for practices in the church ready for our Easter and Christmas services. This was very popular and involved many churchgoers from across the parish as well as those who are not regular attendees. In this we have been very blessed to have the commitment and skill of Caroline Whitehead who made this a really enjoyable and worthwhile activity. We were also fortunate to have the skills of Ros Clarke who is an excellent accompanist.

Andrew Morrison continued to play the organ for Holy Communion services alongside Caroline Whitehead who plays the piano. Anthony Powell has also continued to play the piano for occasional services and play the organ as a stand in for Andrew when he is not available. Becky and Steve Rhodes have also played for Breakfast Church or informal services.

Activities

The new open space within NSP church has enabled many activities to flourish:

'Tots and Toys' is now run brilliantly each Wednesday morning in term-time by Maria Fleming and her helpers and has brought in many new families. Some of these have been encouraged to attend special services in the church such as the Crib service, Christingle and Mothering Sunday.

Youth Space led by Fergus Stewart has thrived on a Monday night once a month with numerous volunteers and has brought in 20+ local youngsters between the ages of 10-15.

Forget me Not cafe led by Paul Shepherd and Mandy continued to meet once a month for those suffering from dementia and their care-rs.

Silent prayer continued on Thursday evenings in the hub at 6pm led by Robin Campbell. We have been joined regularly by some local Roman Catholics.

PCC meetings have been held in the church which provides a good space. In September we welcomed the Bishop, the Archdeacon and Area Dean to talk to us about the process for appointing our new incumbent to replace Caroline.

Fundraising lunchtime concerts have been well attended and continue monthly on a Thursday and there have been some marvelous musicians and performances for us to enjoy - thanks to Nick Sorenson who arranges the programmes and contributors. On 25th September, Anthony and Lorna Powell ran a Café Society Tea Party Concert which was very well attended and raised more funds for the church.

Also in September, we enjoyed numerous visitors to the village, involved in filming a feature film 'Mother's Pride' starring Martin Clunes. We were able to provide facilities within the church for the actors to change and have make-up for their roles in the filming of a village fete.

Prior to Christmas, we were provided with a wreath making workshop organized by Rhoda Tickell and also a Christmas Fair which was very well attended. There were numerous stalls selling all kinds of crafts including gifts, jewelry, locally produced honey and cards – all demonstrating what a wealth of creative talent there is in the village.

We also held a well-attended curry evening to support the work of Asha in Delhi, India.

Churchyard

The mowing was carried out under contract and annual cleanups were carried out by volunteers led by Duncan Barley - many thanks to him. The large yew trees were topped by Michael Walker and following high winds, fallen branches were removed.

Terrier

An inventory of items of value has been successfully carried out by Muriel Duckett and Glenys Brown - all items have been accounted for.

Flowers

Finally, huge thanks go to Rhoda Tickell and her team of flower arrangers for providing us with such wonderful displays all through the year.

Church wardens, *Muriel Duckett, Mary Morrison*

St Lawrence, Rode



Services

We continued to have Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays in the month, Breakfast church on the second Sunday and Informal worship on the fourth Sunday. We are always delighted to welcome our friends from other parts of the parish to any of these services.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who provided the delicious breakfasts on the second Sundays, those who provided the refreshments at the other services, our cleaners and flower arrangers.

We are blessed to have such loyal teams of people.

The Church Building

The work on re-covering the roof continued during the year. By the end of 2024 work was completed on the Nave, both Aisles and the Porch.

The expenditure to date, including associated masonry repairs is £327,469.72, towards which the trustees of the Richard Oatley Foundation have provided the magnificent sum of £224,410. Without the assistance of the trustees, other grant providers and donations it would not have been possible to carry out this work.

The total money raised by donations, fundraising and grants up to 31st December 2024 was £313,670.08. The shortfall of £13,799.64, compared with the amount spent above was met from funds previously raised.

A preliminary estimate of the cost of the work to re-cover the Chancel and Vestry roofs is £147,500. The total amount pledged by the Richard Oatley Foundation was £304,000 of which £224,410 has been drawn down so far. The remaining pledge is therefore £79,590. This leaves a funding gap of around £68,000 for the final phase, which will need to be filled. Further donations are therefore being sought. If the necessary funds can be raised, work will start in September 2025.

Apart from the church roof, other work specified in the Architect's Quinquennial Inspection report has been continuing, but fortunately the cost is modest compared with the roof work.

The Churchyard

The Churchyard has been regularly mown and kept in good order. We are grateful to Rode Parish Council for the annual grant they provide towards the cost of maintenance.

Terrier and Logbook

The Terrier and Logbook are up to date.

Fund Raising

Apart from fund raising for the roof project, mentioned above, other regular donations and fundraising activities have paid for the ongoing maintenance and insurance of our village church and its churchyard. The fundraising is carried out by the Friends of St Lawrence under the "Heart of Rode" banner.

Occasional Offices

During the year there was one baptism, one marriage and two thanksgiving services at St Lawrence.

Geoff Banwell and Sally Pickett, Churchwardens



All Saints, Tellisford

Tellisford's Church of All Saints became a Chapel of Ease in June 2017, so each year the congregation and the Fabric Committee elect a Chapel Warden (currently Rachel Feilden); the Deputy Warden is Helen Curwen. The regular pattern of services is Holy Communion at 9am on the fourth Sunday of each month, and Evening Prayer fortnightly. By popular request, in September, Evening Prayer

which had been every other Tuesday at 5pm reverted to our original timing of Wednesday at 6pm.

Special services included our patronal festival on 1st November celebrating both All Saints' Day and All Souls (2nd November), and Nativity Poems and Carols on 23rd December. We also held two weddings, a baptism, and an interment of ashes. On 11th November we shared Poems for Peace.

Our church was open to visitors during daylight hours throughout the year. The team of eight flower arrangers kept the church looking cared for and welcoming. Comments in the Visitors' Book reflected our visitors' pleasure in finding the church open and enjoying its peace and beauty. A footpath passes through the churchyard, and we are on a pilgrimage route linking Wells, Frome and Bath.

The churchyard plan is up to date. All seven lime trees were pollarded in January and February. The Fabric Committee's mowing pattern continues to be a fortnightly mow (including paths connecting to the footpath

which goes from the asphalted path into the churchyard and out over the eastern boundary wall), a late summer mow of longer growth, and strimming the rough edges in Autumn. Starting in March, we carried out four inventories of plants and grasses, identifying 111 including our first orchid. A birding expert made two visits in Spring and identified 20 types of bird, either by sight or by their songs.

The electrical appliances were PAT-tested on 16th May 2024 on a schedule in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Fire extinguishers were inspected on schedule in June. We have inspected the Terrier, and all church goods and chattels therein are in place. The Logbook and Register of Services are up to date.

Occasional Offices

Wedding of Hannah Morrell and Joshua Black, 27th April 2024

Interment of David Heffill's ashes, 29th June 2024

Wedding of Harriet Mustard and Michael Lovering, 29th June 2024

Baptism of Ludo Watkins, 28th July 2024

All Saints and All Souls, Friday 1st November 2024

Nativity Poems and Carols, Monday 23rd December 2024

Rachel Feilden and Helen Curwen, Churchwardens

Safeguarding Report



Safeguarding Action Plan.

We continued to work on improving our Safeguarding training compliance, and at the end of the reporting year, we currently showed a level of 60% on the Bath and Wells Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard. Keeping up to date with safeguarding training and DBS checks is challenging, but the availability of online access for both these requirements streamlines the process. As Safeguarding Officer, I have taken over the active management of DBS certification from the Administrator, but I am grateful to Sarah Priddle for continuing to look after ID checking.

We have formed an informal safeguarding advisory group which meets as required to offer support and advice to the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). At present this group consists of Michael Harrison (Reader), Mary Morrison (Warden - Pastoral Care), Paul Shepherd (Leader, Forget-me-not Café), Fergus Stewart (Reader, Warden – Strategy) and the PSO. This team was the natural product of several people completing the Leadership in Safeguarding training model run by the diocese.

Safeguarding Concerns.

All safeguarding concerns have been addressed and we are grateful for the excellent support we receive from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Paul Richardson, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Music

We continued to enjoy regular organists for the Holy Communion services with Andrew Morrison playing at Norton St Philip and David Thomas playing for St Lawrence, Rode, along with various pianists, including Ros Clarke and Anthony Powell, with Sally Pickett helping at other services on an ad hoc basis. There was a mixture of recorded and live playing for the informal services. Caroline Whitehead rehearsed and conducted a choir made up of local volunteers from around the parish for our Easter and Christmas services. We are fortunate to have Nick Sorensen in our community, who continued to compose pieces for this choir. Anyone who would like to be involved with helping lead music and worship at any services or to sing in the choir should contact:

Sarah Priddle (admin@hardingtonvale.org.uk) for the Holy Communion services

Fergus Stewart (fandrstewart1985@gmail.com) for breakfast church and informal services.



Eco Church

During the year, Hardington Vale won a Bronze Eco Church Award, which was achieved because of the churchyard in NSP. (All individual churches are eligible to apply and are encouraged to do so.) Other churches in the parish (see in particular the report from All Saints Church, Tellisford above) have either actively pursued the goal of making our unique churchyards more biodiverse and signposting these efforts to our many visitors or have taken up the drive to do so. Careful mowing so as to protect the seeding and growth cycles of rare plants is another part of the strategy.

Barbara Day

Parish Clergy Contacts

RECTOR

In vacancy

PARISH OFFICE

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Notice of Meeting

The Parish of Hardington Vale

Buckland Dinham, Farleigh Hungerford, Hemington, Laverton, Norton St Philip, Rode, Tellisford

Notice of The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 7 April 2025 at 19:30

To be held in St Philip & St James Church, Norton St Philip

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer and Dwelling in the word.
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 25 April 2024
4. Matters arising from the Minutes

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

(note: All residents of the Parish of Hardington Vale and all those on the Electoral Roll may vote)

1. Election of churchwardens (Parish Wardens)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(note: only those on the Electoral Roll may vote)

1. To receive the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024
2. To appoint an external examiner
3. To receive Annual Reports (as published in Hardington Vale News 2025)
4. Deanery Synod Report
5. To elect representatives to the Deanery Synod
6. To receive the Electoral Roll Report
7. To elect members of the Parochial Church Council

Lorna Powell, Secretary to the Parochial Church Council

Hardington Vale

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity No 1128078

Prepared by
N J Brown FCCA
Treasurer

Reviewed by
Anthony Day
FCCA (Retired)

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12 Months Accounts to 31st December 2024

12 Months Accounts to 31st December 2024		12 Months				12 Months	
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Friends Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	119,887		218,314	40,597	378,798	239902
Grant							
Activities for generating Funds	2(b)			2,937	9,263	12,200	7431
Parish Magazines	2(c)		14,888			14,888	16228
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		119,887	14,888	221,252	49,860	405,886	263561
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Common Fund		69,022			5,295	74,317	63316
Charitable Donations		2,224			25	2,249	2821
Ministry Expenses		15,976			-1,097	14,879	13610
Family Worker				194		194	2947
Electricity, Gas, Oil & Water		7,200			1,117	8,316	3927
Admin Expenses News Letters			7,665			7,665	14372
Maintenance & Cleaning		0		258,164	23,252	281,416	84823
Heritage Grant							
Music, Audio & Visual		629			225	854	6397
Church Activities		534				534	731
Architects Fees				21,176	1,164	22,340	8549
Finance & Insurance		597			7,563	8,160	7273
NSP Bells				60		60	60
Flower Fund					50	50	22
Roundings			-3			-2	2
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		96,182	7,662	279,595	37,594	421,033	208850
<i>Appendix</i>		<i>B</i>	<i>H + G</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>D</i>		
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE		23,705	7,225	-58,343	12,266	-15,147	54,710
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES Investments							
Transfer from Buckland Dinham		4,461			50,890	55,351	
Actual income current year		28,166	7,225	-58,343	63,157	40,204	54,710
BALANCE B/FWD 1 JANUARY		44,469	21,811	103,179	40,566	210,025	155315
BALANCE C/FWD 31 DECEMBER		72,635	29,036	44,836	103,723	250,229	210,025
Market Value of Investments		24,741			22,891	47,633	46568
Net Total Including Investments		97,376	29,036	44,836	126,614	297,862	256,593

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	2023 £	2024 £
Current Assets		
Debtors & Prepayments	10,403	19,778
Investments	46,568	47,633
Cash at bank and in hand	206,494	245,670
	<u>263,465</u>	<u>313,081</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors & Accruals	6,873	15,219
	<u>256,592</u>	<u>297,862</u>
Total Net Assets		
Parish Funds		
Unrestricted	68,759	100,249
Restricted - Friends Funds	83,612	128,667
Restricted - Specific Funds	82,408	39,910
Designated	21,813	29,036
	<u>256,592</u>	<u>297,862</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council Sub Committee on 12th March 2025

G Banwell (Chairman of Finance Sub Committee)

G. W. Banwell

The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these accounts

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The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Hardington Vale

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 6 and the supporting schedules, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Charities Act 2011(the Act)

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Act.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of

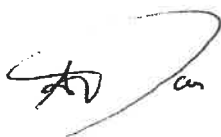
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect, the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act ;or the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;or the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities(Accounts and Reports)Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Day
FCCA ('Retired)
Signed



Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Designated Funds may be set aside out of an unrestricted fund for a specific purpose, such as the replacement of vestments or

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized with the incoming resource to which they relate and are accrued. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.



Notes:

1. The income & expenditure has been fully accrued or prepaid into the period to which it relates.
2. Funds not under the direct control of the PCC have been excluded

2(a) Voluntary Income

Appendix

Collections & Envelopes
Income Tax Rebate
Donations, Awards, Grants & Bequests
Dividends & Bank Interest
Fees
Revaluation of Investments
Others

Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Friends Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
(A)	(F)	(E)	(C)		
83196		5353	15962	104511	109164
17843		975	5860	24678	25425
3434		211829	10868	226131	90819
4863		83	1840	6786	4968
10551				10551	8054
		75	6067	6141	1472
119887		218314	40597	378798	239902

2(b) Activities for generating Funds

14888	2937	9263	27088	23659
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2(c) Parish Magazines

Income:
Expenses
Surplus/ (shortfall in Year)
Balance B/fwd
Total before transfer
Transfer to General Fund
Prior Year Adjustment
Balance C/fwd

The Link	Parish News	Total
6868	8019	14888
4116	3550	7665
2753	4470	7222
12012	9801	21813
14765	14271	29035
14765	14271	29036

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale
Accounts for the period

1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024

		Transfer of Buckland Dinham Funds	Change in Year	Movement between Funds	December 31st
Parish Funds					
Unrestricted					
Investment	HV	24189	554		24743
General Fund	0-7	44,469	7539	-207	75,506
		68,658	7,539	-207	100,249

Restricted Funds

Restricted Friends Funds

Investment - NSP

		22,379	512		22,891
Farleigh Hungerford	10	377	24		401
Herrington	11	-207		207	
Laverton	12	16,387	1,963		18,350
Norton St Philip	13	16,097	-1,278		14,819
St Lawrence Rode	14	26,755	438	-13,957	13,236
All Saints Tellisford	15	67	-295		-228
Buckland Dinham Bell Ringers	17		670		670
Herrington Churchyard	18	1,795	1,293		3,088
St Michael's Buckland Dinham	19	64	45,254	10,120	55,438
		83,714	45,924	-13,750	128,667
N St P Flower Fund	20	442			442
NSP Bell Fund	22	597	-10		587
N St P Garden of Remembrance	23	2,341			2,341
Buckland Dinham Lych Gate	24		1,888	1,566	3,455
St Lawrence Roof Appeal(Oatley)	30		-12,429	12,429	0
St Lawrence Bell Fund	31	5,236	49		5,285
St Lawrence Rode Appeal	32	43,056	-71,081	28,025	0
St Lawrence Roof Grants	33	2,941	23,556	-26,497	0
Woolverton Trust	35	6,881	83		6,964
Tellisford Bell Appeal	36	137			137
HV Family Worker	57	6,809	-77		6,732
N St P Choir Fund	40	131			131
N St P Lighting Fund	41	53			53
St Lawrence Rode Reserve Fund	32a	13,784			13,784

82,408	1,888	-58,343	13,957	39,910
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Designated Funds

The Link	12,012	2,753		14,765
Parish News	9,801	4,469		14,271
	21,813	7,222		29,036

Total Funds

256,593	55,351	-14,083		297,862
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**Accounts for the period
Represented by**
1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024

	2023	2024
Bank Accounts		
HV Current Account Nat West	154,030	191,280
Nat West NStP	703	941
CCLA - Hardington Vale CB3020108	25,956	28,640
CCLA - Investment Rode CB3019596	2,517	2,645
TSB Bank 00132904	3,531	0
TSB Bank 00146975	6,444	8,616
CCLA Investment Fund - Woolverton CB3058754	3,657	3,740
Scottish Widows Treasury Tracker Laverton	9,656	9,806
	<u>206,494</u>	<u>245,670</u>

Debtors & Prepayments

Debtors	Note 1 below	10,403	19,778
Investments		46,568	47,633
		<u>56,971</u>	<u>67,411</u>

Creditors & Accruals

Creditors	Note 2 Below	6,873	15,219
Year End Movement		<u>6,873</u>	<u>15,219</u>

Total		<u>256,592</u>	<u>297,862</u>
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The General Fund and the Friends of Norton St Philip have the benefit of dividend income from shares in a CBF investment fund which at the 31st December 2024 had a collective market value of £47633

Being made up of -	2018	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Hardington Vale Investment GB3020109	£15,562	19752	22592	19944	21837	22337
Hardington Vale Investment CB30220110	£1,675	2126	2432	2147	2351	2405
Jackson Bequest - NSP Friends CB3020111	£15,385	19527	22334	19717	21588	22082
EM Bell Bequest NSP Churchyard CB3020112	£564	716	819	723	791	809
	<u>£33,186</u>	<u>£42,121</u>	<u>£48,177</u>	<u>£42,531</u>	<u>£46,568</u>	<u>£47,633</u>

Note 1
Debtors

Rode Roof Vat refund	11369.54
CAF Voucher Rode Roof	556.25
HMRC Dec S/O	1693.75
NSP Film Payment	3327.00
Buckland Dinham Voneus	2742.88
Rode Roof Gift Aid	88.75
	<u>19,778.17</u>

Note 2
Creditors and Accruals

HMRC PAYE/NI	186.40
Laverton Recharge	370.59
Parish News Subs 2025	1014.00
West Country Tiling Retention	6891.80
British Gas NSP Electric	1303.82
Parish News Adverts 2024	348.00
Mann Williams	660.00
Chedburn	1623.14
BT	151.62
Stephen Cooper	75.00
Cleaners	165.00
Office Evolution	222.52
Christmas Charities	1008.90
Tellisford Electric	39.46
Farleigh Hungerford Electric	72.43
Bible Reading Fellowship	79.84
Visiting Clergy	343.10
Rode Electric	664.02
	<u>15219.64</u>

Year Ended 31.12.2024

Appendix A

General Fund

	0 Joint Activities	01 General - Farleigh Hungerford	02 General - Hemington	03 General - Laverton	04 General - Norton St Philip	05 General - Rode StL	06 General - Tellisford	07 General - Buckland Dinham	Total 2024	Year 2023
Income										
4000 Envelopes					250		48		298	261
4001 Envelope Gift Aided					43,046	15,790	3,066	4,033	67,304	58,859
4010 Bankers Order - Gift Aided		1,368			9,500				9,500	7,880
4011 Bankers Order - Non Gift Aided					2,368	1,520	317	1,303	6,074	5,002
4020 Collections		567								5
4021 GiftAided Cash Collections								20	20	49
4030 Offertory Box					11,336	3,947	744	1,334	17,843	16,591
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid	0	483								
Collections & Envelopes	0	2,418			66,499	21,257	4,175	6,690	101,038	88,647
4100 Donations					1,111				1,111	462
4101 Bequests & Legacies										
4110 Donations for Charities	136				1,751	191	95	150	2,324	2,590
4120 Baker Trust/Tellisford										
4140 Parish Share Transfer										
Donations & Bequests	136				2,862	191	95	150	3,434	3,052
4200 Dividends										1,446
4820 Revaluation of Investments									4,321	1,911
4210 Bank Interest Received	4,321									
4300 Fund Raising Events					348				432	39
4310 Card Reader	84									
4320 Misc Income	55							56	111	192
4500 Magazine Subscription										1
4510 Magazine Adverts										
	4,459				348			56	4,863	3,588
4600 Wedding Fees		616			1,553	652	652		3,473	1,764
4610 Funeral Fees		178	1,090	18	2,200	724	586	1,613	6,409	5,591
4620 Baptism Fees										68
4630 Diocesan Fees	-4,407	566	591	17	1,383	964	600	286	0	121
4640 Organist Fees										
4650 Verger fees		25			225	150	75	119	594	510
4690 Other Fees & Expenses								75	75	
4700 Income from Activities (e.g. Weekend away)	-4,407	1,385	1,681	35	5,361	2,490	1,913	2,093	10,551	8,054
	188	3,803	1,681	95	75,070	23,938	6,183	8,989	119,887	103,341

Appendix B

	0 Joint Activities	01 General - Farleigh Hungerford	02 General - Hemington	03 General - Laverton	04 General - Norton St Philip	05 General - Rode StL	06 General - Tellisford	07 General - Buckland Dinham	Total 2024	Year 2023
Expenditure										
5000 Common Fund	64,561							4,461	69,022	58,517
5100 Charitable Donations	1,401				823				2,224	2,590
5200 Travelling Expenses	583								583	1,638
5210 Secretarial	11,460								11,460	8,152
5211 Stationery	130								130	42
5220 Postage	103								103	38
5225 Computer Equipment & Software	316								316	539
5230 Telephones	1,960								1,960	1,871
5235 Appointment Costs										
5231 Hospitality	94				98				192	
5238 Clergy Expenses, Training & Development										324
5240 Other Expenses									40	
5241 Room Hire	40									
5260 Visiting Clergy Fees & Expenses		98		165	347	219	59	305	1,193	
5270 Lay Reader Licence Fees										
5281 Childrens & Families Worker										2,947
Ministry Expenses	80,647	98		165	1,268	219	59	4,766	87,222	76,658
5300 Electricity		160			2,971	1,180	430	708	5,449	3,139
5310 Gas/Oil					1,217				1,217	13
5315 Water & Sewerage	123				39			372	534	134
	123	160			4,227	1,180	430	1,080	7,200	3,286
5600 Organ Tuning & Repairs										
5640 Audio Visual										
5650 Licences	0				472	97			569	612
5655 Bells - Assoc fees etc	60								60	
5700 Communion Wine & Wafers								7	7	299
5701 Service Equipment										14
5710 Candles	391				135				526	416
5900 Bank Charges	597								597	545
	1,048				608	97		7	1,760	1,886
81338										
Total expenditure	81,817	258		165	6,102	1,496	489	5,854	96,182	81,830
Net Change for the year	-81,629	3,544	1,681	-130	68,968	22,441	5,694	3,135	23,705	21,511

Appendix C

	10 Friends of Farleigh Hungerford	11 Friends of Hemington	12 Friends of Laverton	13 Friends of Norton St Philip	14 Friends of Rode	15 Friends of Tellisford - Fabric Fund	17 Buckland Dinham Bell Ringers	18 Hemington Church Yard	19 Friends of Buckland Dinham	Total 2024	Year 2023
Restricted Funds - Friends of Income											
4001 Envelope Gift Aided			3,910	2,128	2,112	5		2,865	1,376	12,396	7,865
4010 Bankers Order - Gift Aided					240					240	2,240
4011 Bankers Order - Non Gift Aided					60	32		25	100	2,837	2,122
4020 Collections			2,620			137			120	489	782
4030 Offertory Box				233							
4021 Gift Aid Cash Collections GADS			6,530	2,361	2,412	174		2,890	1,595	15,962	13,009
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid			-587	797	567	64		725	4,294	5,860	3,891
4099 Special Appeal									150	150	
4100 Donations			1,650	4,340	1,105	200			323	7,618	3,452
4101 Bequests & Legacies											1,074
4101 Bequests & Legacies							0		0		1,482
4110 Buckland Dinham Transfers							0		0	3,100	3,711
4140 Grants			1,350	1,100	650						
4120 Baker Trust/Tellisford			2,413	6,236	2,322	264		725	4,767	16,727	13,610
4200 Dividends				102	128					230	890
4210 Bank Interest Received			150	18					1,442	1,610	78
			150	119	128					1,840	968
4300 Fund Raising Events			1,210	5,883	1,607				563	9,263	7,431
4310 Card Reader			12	933					92	1,036	128
4320 Misc Income			50	195					364	609	1,345
4680 Voneus									4,422	4,422	
4820 Revaluation of Investments											
4903 Insurance Claims											
			10,365	15,727	6,469	437		3,615	13,246	49,860	36,491

Appendix D

	10 Friends of Farleigh Hungerford	11 Friends of Hemington	12 Friends of Laverton	13 Friends of Norton St Philip	14 Friends of Rode	15 Friends of Tellisford - Fabric Fund	17 Buckland Dinham Bell Ringers	18 Hemington Church Yard	19 Friends of Buckland Dinham	Total 2024	Year 2023
Restricted Funds - Expenditure											
5000 Common Fund			5,295						0	5,295	4,799
5100 Charitable Donations									25	25	232
5211 HV Admin Recharge			-1,097							-1,097	1,007
5238 Clergy Expenses, Training & Development											
5240 Other Expenses											
5241 Room Hire										-165	
5260 Visiting Clergy Fees & Expenses			-165								
5270 Lay Reader Licence Fees											
5280 Youth Worker									0	703	642
5300 Electricity			648	55						380	
5310 Gas				380						34	
5315 Water & Sewerage				38	-4						
5400 Printing											
5401 Misc Magazine Expenses											
5410 Paper for printing											
5415 Copier/Printer for Magazine Printing											
5420 Photocopier maintenance											
5500 Maintenance - Building			569	10,694	2,181	50		175	1,902	15,571	8,897
5501 Building Projects										1,391	398
5510 Maintenance - Church Wall			1,391							4,557	3,607
5516 Wages for Grass Cutting				1,355	1,380			1,750	72	1,897	1,634
5530 Cleaning Costs				1,897						225	5,785
5600 Organ Tuning & Repairs				225							
5655 Bells - Assoc fees etc									50	50	
5750 Flowers											
5760 Book Purchased to Sell											
5800 Insurance	-24		700	2,257	2,475	682		397	1,077	7,563	6,728
5810 Architects Fees			1,060	104						1,164	331
Total	-24		8,402	17,005	6,031	732		2,322	3,125	37,594	34,060
Net Change	24	0	1,963	-1,278	438	-295	0	1,293	10,120	12,266	2,432
										45,981	

Appendix E

	20 NStP Flower Fund	22 NStPBellr Fund	24 Buckland Dinham Lych Gate	29 St Lawrence Heart of Rode Appeal	30 St Lawrence Rooft Fund	31 St Lawrence Bell Fund	32 St Lawrence Rooft Appeal	33 St Lawrence Rooft Appeal Grants	35 Woolverton Trust	36 Tellisford Bells	57 Families Worker	Total 2024	Year 2023
Restricted Funds - Income													
4001 Envelope Gift Aided					0	4	1,371					1,375	750
4010 Bankers Order - Gift Aided					0		3,961					3,961	23305
4011 Bankers Order - Non Gift Aided										0	17	17	43
4020 Collections										0		975	4943
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid		0					975						
4100 Donations		50			73,040	45	2,175				100	75,410	52004
4101 Bequests & Legacies						0		3,550				3,550	43
4110 Donations for Charities		0				0							
4120 Baker Trust/Tellisford													
4101 Buckland Dinham Transfers			0										
4140 Grant					70,300		36,349	26,220				132,869	26000
4200 Dividends		0						0	83			83	412
4300 Fund Raising Events			1,566				1,371					2,937	
4310 Card Reader					0		75					75	
4320 Misc Income													
4320 Revaluation of Investments													
	50		1,566		143,340	49	46,277	29,770	83		117	221,252	107,500
Restricted Funds - Expenditure													
5241 Room Hire													
5281 Family Worker											194	194	
5415 Copier/Printer for Magazine Printing													
5420 Photocopier maintenance												232,930	16122
5500 Maintenance - Building					134,412		98,519					25,234	54165
5501 Building Projects					18,840		180	6,214					
5650 Licences												60	60
5655 Bells - Assoc fees etc		60											22
5750 Flowers													
5800 Insurance													
5810 Architects Fees					2,517		18,659					21,176	8218
5950 Fund Raising Activities													
	60				155,769		117,357	6,214			194	279,595	78,587
Net Change	-10		1,566		-12,429	49	-71,081	23,556	83		-77	-58,343	28,913

Appendix F

	45 DF The Link	46 DF Parish News	Total 2024	Year 2023
Designated Funds - Income				
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid	339	430	769	1,463
4500 Magazine Subscription	2,193	3,763	5,956	5,685
4510 Magazine Adverts	4,317	3,555	7,872	6,326
4520 Magazine Other	20	271	291	
	6,868	8,019	14,887	13,474
Designated Funds - Expenditure				
5400 Printing	4,116		4,116	4,810
5401 Misc Magazine Expenses		59	59	333
5410 Paper for printing		1,317	1,317	1,690
5415 Copier/Printer for Magazine Printing		2,174	2,174	2,595
5420 Photocopier maintenance				
	4,116	3,550	7,665	9,433
Net Change	2,753	4,469	7,222	4,041



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)** 1128078

Set out on pages

1-6 & Appendices A-F

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

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Date:

9/2/2025

Name:

Anthony James Day

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.